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Mr. Joel Hebdon
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Dear Mr. Hebdon:

Re: Tanks/Lines/Pits/Boxes/Septic Tank and Drain Field Waste Group Operable Units
(200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 OUs) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan
and RCRA TSD Unit Sampling Plan, DOE/RL-2002-14, Revision 0

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Your letter dated May 6, 2003, transmitted the document referenced above. The responses to comments included with your letter and the changes to the Draft document do not satisfactorily address the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) previous review comments about deficiencies in the ecological risk assessment. At the Interagency Management Integration Team meetings held on April 22, 2003, and May 20, 2003, the Tri-Party Agreement agencies discussed concerns about the quality of the ecological risk assessment found in several primary documents. The Tri-Parties agreed to meet again to discuss the issue in the context of a critical path schedule analysis of the 200 Area remedial investigations/feasibility studies (RI/FS). That meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2003.

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Ecology is exercising a 30-day extension on the review of the referenced RI/FS Work Plan, beginning June 10, 2003. Further review of this document will take into consideration the outcome of the June 5 discussions on the 200 Area RI/FS schedule.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Record: 200-IS-1, 200-ST-1